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1. On about 25 September 1953, the Scientific-Technical Office for the Construction of Devices (WTBG) (WTB-3) of SAG Kabel received a letter from Dipl. Ing. Britall (fnu) of VEB Mechanik, Askania, Teltow, in which it was suggested that WTBG cooperate with the Work Group for Industrial Measurement and Regulation Technology (Arbeitskreis Betriebsmess- und Regelungstechnik). The Work Group is currently making preparations to exchange scientific information (gained from experience) concerning the construction of end-to-end test stretches (Modellregelstracker) with the Soviet satellites and especially with the USSR. The USSR is to be requested to furnish information on experience gained in this field. The request is currently being prepared by Referat I/1, Basic Elements of Regulating Technology, headed by Dipl. Physicist Mueller (fnu) of the Academy Institute for Radiation Sources.

2. The Work Group met for the third time on 4 September 1953 in Leipzig. At the meeting, the Karl-Marx-Werke Magdeburg and the Stalin-Werke Treptow, both of which are SAG plants, agreed to inform the Work Group of their development projects. WTBG was also requested to make available similar information.

3. WTBG politely refused to divulge any information concerning the development projects on which it is working, pointing out that it, as a SAG office, was engaged in work for Soviet ministries

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the Work Group will have to obtain any information it desires from the Main Administration, since WTBG is prohibited from making such facts known to other agencies. 1/ WTBG did, however, agree to delegate Dipl. Ing. Boecking to cooperate closely with the Work Group on matters pertaining to end-to-end test stretches. It also requested further information on the composition of the Work Group, its main tasks, and the work it has already completed. It also desired to know in what manner the Work Group cooperates with the East German technical ministries (Fachministerien), the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFI), the Chamber of Technology (Kammer der Technik), and the technical commissions of East German nationalized industry.

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1/  Comment. It appears that WTBC is expected to be transferred to the Ministry for General Machine Construction (or its counterpart) when the SAG's are returned to East German ownership on 1 January 1954. As far as it is known, **at present, nothing definite on the matter has** as yet been decided. Rumor has it that WTBC is to continue to work under Soviet administration, even after the SAG's are **transferred.**

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